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**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAINING
AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL ANIMAL
CONTROL OFFICERS."**

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2005*) Any person who sustains
4 damage by dogs to his sheep, goats, horses, hogs, cattle, poultry or
5 domestic rabbits kept in enclosures, shall make complaint concerning
6 the circumstances of the attack to the Chief Animal Control Officer,
7 any animal control officer or the municipal animal control officer or
8 regional animal control officer of the town in which such dog is owned
9 or kept. Any such officer to whom such complaint is made shall
10 immediately make an investigation of such complaint. If such officer
11 finds that the domestic animal of such complainant has been bitten or
12 attacked by such dog, when the domestic animal of the complainant
13 was not upon the premises of the owner or keeper of such dog, the
14 officer shall quarantine such dog in a public pound or order the owner
15 or keeper to quarantine it in a veterinary hospital, kennel or other

16 building or enclosure approved by the Commissioner of Agriculture
17 for such purpose. The commissioner, the Chief Animal Control Officer,
18 any animal control officer, any municipal animal control officer or any
19 regional animal control officer may make any order concerning the
20 restraint or disposal of any such attacking dog as the commissioner or
21 such officer deems necessary. Notice of any such order shall be given
22 to the owner of the dog within twenty-four hours. The owner of such
23 dog shall pay all fees as set forth in section 22-333 of the general
24 statutes. On the fourteenth day of such quarantine the dog shall be
25 examined by the commissioner or the commissioner's designee to
26 determine whether such quarantine shall be continued or removed.
27 Whenever any quarantine is ordered under the provisions of this
28 section, notice thereof shall be given to the commissioner and to the
29 complainant within twenty-four hours. Any owner or keeper of such
30 dog who fails to comply with such order shall be fined not more than
31 two hundred fifty dollars or imprisoned not more than thirty days, or
32 both. If an owner or keeper fails to comply with a quarantine or
33 restraining order made pursuant to this section, the Chief Animal
34 Control Officer, any animal control officer, any municipal animal
35 control officer or regional animal control officer may seize the dog to
36 insure such compliance and the owner or keeper shall be responsible
37 for any expenses resulting from such seizure. Any person aggrieved by
38 an order of any municipal animal control officer, the Chief Animal
39 Control Officer, any animal control officer or any regional animal
40 control officer may request a hearing before the commissioner not later
41 than fourteen days after the issuance of such order. After such hearing,
42 the commissioner may affirm, modify or revoke such order as the
43 commissioner deems proper. Any dog owned by a police agency of the
44 state or any of its political subdivisions is exempt from the provisions
45 of this section when such dog is under the direct supervision, care and
46 control of an assigned police officer, has been vaccinated annually and
47 is subject to routine veterinary care."